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SUBJECT: CANADIAN FOOD ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE

1. CANADIANS DURING CURRENT AID BILATERALS IN WASHINGTON ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED REQUEST FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR MOZAMBIQUE FROM ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA. KAUNDA REPORTEDLY STATED THAT MOZAMBICANS WERE UNABLE FUND COMMERCIAL PURCHASES FROM ROMANIA DUE TO ADVERSE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION, AND THAT ZAMBIA COULD ACT AS GUARANTOR FOR AT LEAST PARTIAL SHIPMENT DURING PERIOD PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE.

2. CANADIANS STATED COMMODITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN CANADA; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND THAT IF POLITICAL CONCURRENCE OBTAINED FROM CANADIAN

FOREIGN MINISTRY, THEY WERE PREPARED TO SHIP \$1 TO \$2 MILLION WORTH OF FOODSTUFFS (WHEAT AND POWDERED MILK) IN APRIL.

3. CIDA OFFICIALS SEEM CONVINCED REQUEST ENJOYED FULL MOZAMBIQUE BACKING. IF SO, REQUEST CONSTITUTES INDICATION THAT MOZAMBICANS RECOGNIZE THEIR ALLEGED ROMANIAN WHEAT ARRANGEMENT IS NOT FIRM. KISSINGER

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